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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE CWMAMMAN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Members,

We herewith have pleasure in presenting to you our report on the Environmental Health of the Cwmamman Urban District for 1972.

During the period under review we were faced with the same basic problems as in the previous years to a very large degree, although it is pleasing once again to report that modernisation of private houses within the District continued at a high level. The improvement of Housing is in itself a basic principal of Public Health, and it can be said at least that standards in this direction within the District are vastly improved.

We would like to express our appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest in the work of the Public Health Department, and our thanks to Mr. J. D. I. Evans, Clerk of the Council, and all the staff for their help and support throughout the year.

MARGARET STEANE.
Medical Officer of Health

G. A. MAHONEY.
Surveyor/Public Health Inspector

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Area of District - 756 acres

Estimated Mid Year population 1972 - In Cwmamman - 3,930
Carmarthenshire - 162,562.
England & Wales - 49,028,900

Number of persons/acre in Cwmamman - 5.02

Number of Council Houses - 300

Number of dwellings for the elderly - 37

Number of private dwellings 1,113 including 251 businesses with residences

Number of dwellings completed during 1972: -

(a) By the Council - 17
(b) By private builders - 5

Rateable value - £69,142.

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Number of burial grounds in Cwmamman - 3
(none are owned by the Council)

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Number of burial grounds in Gwaenmaen - 2
(none are owned by the Council)

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

POPULATION

The population of Cwmamman showed a decrease of 25 persons compared with last year.

Year	Cwmamman	Deaths	Births	Carmarthenshire	Wales
1961	4,263 Census	-	-	-	-
1964	4,200 Est.	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1965	4,200 "	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1966	4,160 "	65	33	-	-
1967	4,150 "	50	46	-	-
1968	4,090 "	58	45	-	-
1969	4,050 "	67	38	163,600	2,723,000
1970	4,090 "	55	55	164,300	2,734,000
1971	3,940 "	64	45	163,170	2,725,180
1971	3,955 Census	-	-	-	-
1972	3,930 Est.	-	-	-	-

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

POPULATION

The population of Gwaunnan showed a decrease of 25 persons compared with last year.

Year	Gwaunnan	Deaths	Births	Correctionaries	Wales
1961	4,265 Geneva	-	-	-	-
1964	4,200 Bat.	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1965	4,200 "	N.A.	N.A.	-	-
1966	4,160 "	65	55	-	-
1967	4,150 "	50	46	-	-
1968	4,050 "	52	45	-	-
1969	4,050 "	67	38	165,600	2,725,000
1970	4,050 "	55	55	164,300	2,724,000
1971	3,940 "	64	45	163,170	2,725,180
1971	3,955 Geneva	-	-	-	-
1972	3,930 Bat.	-	-	-	-

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthen-shire	England & Wales
Live Births	Legitimate	28	26	54	1,911	662,907
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	104	62,498
	Total	31	29	60	2,015	725,405
Still Births	Legitimate	1	-	1	34	7,846
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	3	948
	Total	1	-	1	37	8,794
Total Live and Still Births	Legitimate	29	26	55	1,945	670,753
	Illegitimate	3	3	6	107	63,446
	Total	32	29	61	2,052	734,199

LIVE BIRTH RATES.

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Live Births per 1,000 home population (Crude Rate)	15.3	12.40	14.8
Area comparability factor	1.21	1.16	1.00
Local Adjusted Rate	18.5	14.40	14.8
Ratio of Local adjusted rate to National Rate	1.25	0.97	1.00
Illegitimate live births as a percentage of all live births	10	5.00	9

STILL BIRTH RATE

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Still births per 1,000 total live and still births	16	18	12

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE

There were no deaths resulting from childbirth or pregnancy in 1972.

DEATHS OF INFANTS

Age		Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales.
Under 1 year	Legitimate	3	-	3	29	11,177
	Illegitimate	-	--	-	2	1,317
	Total	3	-	3	31	12,494
Under 4 weeks	Legitimate	2	-	2	24	7,503
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1	870
	Total	2	-	2	25	8,373
Under 1 week	Legitimate	2	-	2	22	6,365
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	1	777
	Total	2	-	2	23	7,142

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Deaths under 1 year per 1000 live births	50	15	17
Deaths of legitimate infants under a year per 1000 legitimate births	56	15	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1000 illegitimate live births	-	19	21
Neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 4 weeks/1000 live births	33	12	12
Early neonatal mortality rate Deaths under 1 week/1000 total live births	33	11	10
Perinatal mortality rate Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1000 total live & stillbirths	49	29	22

DEATHS

	Male	Female	Total	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
All Ages	44	31	75	2,412	591,907

DEATH RATES, ETC. ALL AGES

	Cwmamman	Carmarthenshire	England and Wales
Deaths per 1000 home population (Crude rate)	19.1	14.8	12.1
Area comparability factor	.87	0.90	1.00
Local adjusted rate	16.6	13.3	12.1
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1.37	1.10	1.00

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1972 - ALL AGES.

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal cavity	-	1	1
" " Intestine	2	1	3
" " Lung, bronchus	3	-	3
" " Breast	-	3	3
" " Prostate	1	-	1
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	-	1	1
Other diseases of nervous system	1	-	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart disease	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic Heart disease	14	9	23
Other forms of heart disease	-	1	1
Cerebrovascular disease	4	5	9
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	1	4
Influenza	1	1	2
Pneumonia	3	-	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	1	1	2
Asthma	-	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
" " of digestive system	1	1	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-	2
Other diseases, Genito-urinary system	-	1	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	2	2
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-	1
Symptoms and Ill definied conditions	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	3	-	3
Total	44	31	75

INFECTIOUS DISEASES
AND
TUBERCULOSIS

During the year 1972, 2 cases of measles were reported. There was also one case of respiratory tuberculosis and one case of non respiratory tuberculosis notified.

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were reported.

IMMUNISATION

The following table refers to the whole County of Carmarthenshire. The separate figures for Cwmamman are not available.

	PRIMARY						BOOSTERS
	Born 1972	Born 1971	Born 1970	Born 1969	1965 1968	Other - 16	
Triple	124	742	77	12	26	5	1,080
Diptheria/ Tetanus	-	26	6	19	24	10	533
Tetanus	5	1	5	3	26	241	173
Polio	97	767	101	33	81	16	1,448
Measles	1	68	149	29	33	7	-
Rubella						289	-

BCG VACCINATION
(Whole County)

	Contact Scheme	School Children
Number skin tested	108	1,027
Number found negative	98	895
Number vaccinated	82	887

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action was required under this Section which enables persons in need of care and attention to be removed to suitable premises.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

REFUSE COLLECTION

At the commencement of the year under review the Authority implemented a once weekly domestic refuse collection. The type of scheme commenced was the plastic sack system of refuse collection. Very few complaints were received during the change-over period, and the system has operated with remarkable success. This type of collection is in line with modern practice and obviates the nuisances that used to arise from normal bin collection.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

The main drainage lines within the Local Authority's area continued to function in a satisfactory and efficient manner, and proved that they have a capacity equal to the demands made upon them. During exceptionally heavy rainfall which occurred in November, flooding did take place at some points within the Urban area, this in the main being caused by the exceptionally heavy rainfall after a period of drought, and these two factors causing an inrush of leaves etc., into the surface water drainage systems.

WATER SUPPLY

The Local Authority's Water Undertaking continued to supply the District with a pure and sufficient supply of water for domestic purposes. During the period under review a total of 26 water samples were obtained, 14 bacteriological, which proved satisfactory and 12 Chemicals.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

As in the past all the meats sold within the District have been subject to slaughter and inspection elsewhere. No complaints of any nature were received concerning fresh meat sold within the District during the twelve months under review.

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

In spite of the Council providing a most efficient and up to date refuse collection service, the area is still bedevilled by the indiscriminate tipping of Household rubbish. It is obvious that the tipping of this vegetable and animal matter continues to attract rodents. The rodent control services therefore had more than sufficient work during the period, and undertook this in an efficient manner.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF AREA

Number of Inspections made for Nuisance	40
Number of Informal Notices served	8
Number of Statutory Notices served	1
Number of Water Leakage Inspections	314
Number of Water Leakage Notices	10

BAKEHOUSES

Number of bakehouses in the area registered	2
Number of Inspections made	10

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Number of houses fumigated after causes of infectious diseases .. Nil

Number of houses fumigated upon request 3

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES AND INSPECTIONS

Nature of Trade		No. of Inspections
Butchers Shops	4	20
Groceries and provisions	10	35
General Shops	18	38
Milk Retailers	3	4
Ice Cream Premises	7	18
Licensed Premises	8	20

No serious complaints were received from members of the public with regard to the food trade within the area.

HOUSING

1. (a) Inspection of houses during the year:-
   Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under Public Health and Housing Act 16
   (b) Number of inspections made for the purposes 8

2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state of dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation .. Nil

3. Number of houses found to be not in all respects fit for human habitation. 8

Remedy of Defects during the year without service of formal notice

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit during the year in consequence of informal action by Local Authority of their Officers 8

Action under Statutory Powers during the year

(a) Procedure under Section 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied .. .. Nil

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were made fit for service of formal notice .. .. Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Act

1. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 2

2. Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice .. .. Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 23 and 24 of the Housing Act

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .. .. Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957 - PART IV Overcrowding

(a) 1. Number of houses overcrowded at the end of the year .. .. Nil
   2. Number of families dwelling therein .. .. Nil
   3. Number of persons dwelling therein .. .. Nil
   4. Number of houses occupied for the first time in 1972 .. Nil

(b) 1. Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year Nil

(c) 1. Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. Nil
   2. Number of families dwelling therein .. .. Nil

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT 1937

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health - 1972 (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

Premises (1)	Number On Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	8		
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	2	3		
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' Premises)				
TOTAL	7	11		

2. Case in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To HM Insp.	By HM Insp.	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable temp. (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					L.
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)			I		
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient		N			
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